Edward B. Simpson (85300) Gerald A. Holmes 2 SIMPSON & GIGOUNAS 100 Pine Street, Suite 750 3 San Francisco, CA 94111 holmesauthor@mindspring.com 4 5 Attorneys for Fletcher H. Hyler 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 10 IN RE: B.K. No.: 04-32952-TEC-11 11 R.S. No.: MEA-29 Chapter 11 12 13 DECLARATION OF HYLER RE: OPPOSITION FLETCHER H. HYLER, TO MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC 14 STAY DEBTOR. 15 DATE: February 28, 2005 TIME: 1:00 p.m. 16 PLACE: Judge Thomas E. Carlson 17 U.S. Bankruptcy Court 235 Pine Street 18 San Francisco, CA 94104 19 I, FLETCHER H. HYLER, am the debtor herein. I declare: 20 1. I filed the Petition in Chapter 11 on October 20, 2004. 21 2. My purpose was to stay a foreclosure on my residence located at 5070 Alpine Road, 22 Portola Valley, CA 94028, and proceed to secure an appraisal in order to secure refinancing 23 24 under more favorable rates and payment schedules. 25 3. I retained J. Hampton Kennon, a California licensed real estate appraiser, in the Fall of 26 2004 to make an in depth analysis of my residence at 5070 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, CA 27 94028. He prepared a report and provided the report to me on or about December 28, 2004. He 28 determined the fair market value of the property to be \$11,000,000 as of November 6, 2004. SIMPSON & GIGOUNAS

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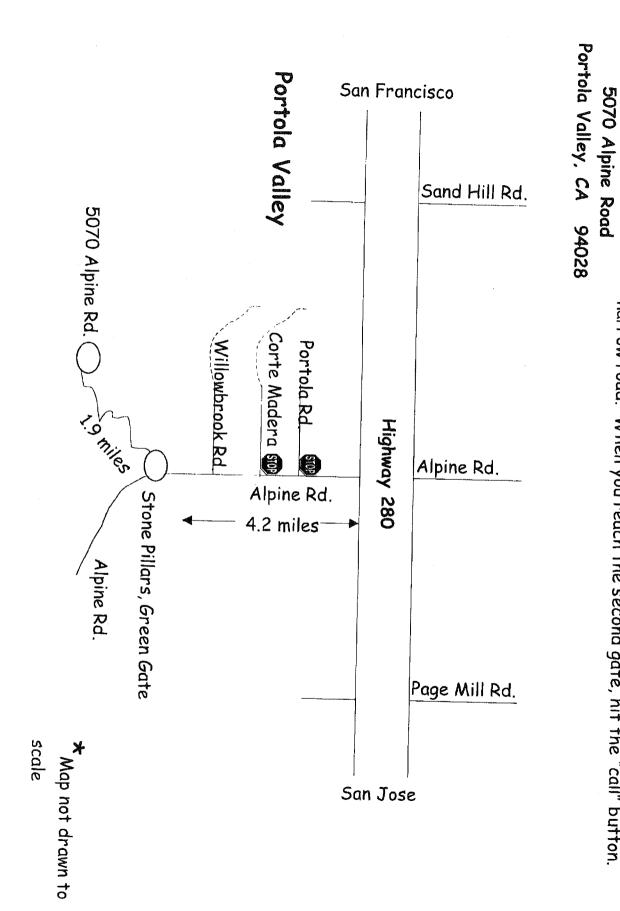
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Law Offices of SIMPSON & GIGOUNAS 100 Pine St., Ste 750 SF., CA 9410 ase: A copy of his report, transmittal letter, and C.V. are submitted herewith per his declaration.

- 4. The property at 5070 Alpine Road is a single family residence owned by myself and my wife. We have lived at this location for several years.
- 5. 5070 Alpine Road is located on a private road approximately 1.9 miles distant from a public road. The private road is gated and access through the gate is only by entry of a code. Furthermore, there is a lane leading to the property from the private road, which is also gated, and requires a code for entry. There are "no trespassing" signs.
- 6. The house, other structures and grounds cannot be seen from the public road. At no time did either I or my wife grant permission to the "broker," Michael Aimes, who provided the "valuation" attached to movant's motion as Exhibit C, to enter the private road and lane leading to my property. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of a "map" showing the property location.
- 7. The Alpine road residence is vital to a plan of reorganization for the following reasons:
- a) For several years I have, and presently am, in the business of providing professional marketing strategies to numerous high-tech companies. I deal with upper levels of management. The Alpine road property is upscale and provides exceptional facilities for social entertainment of present and prospective clients. The character of the property imports an important personal status factor in my dealings with notable companies. My income declined very substantially due to the high-tech recession and I am in the process of rejuvenating the business. My residence is an important part of this process.
- b) The residence provides a very substantial equity margin allowing for a refinance option per a plan.
- c) If an improved income stream and/or re-financing are not viable for a plan, the residence value provides a basis for a liquidating plan. To fully and fairly realize the equity, it will take some time to market this special property. A MER foreclosure, (forced sale)

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narrow road. When you reach the second gate, hit the "call" button. From green gate it is 1.9 miles to pillars with pineapples on top, then turn left (designated by "5070" on right pillar). Please drive 15 m.p.h. on curvy,

Map to the Hyler Home